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LAGOS FOR DR. HUTCHINS

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SUBJECT: EVACUATION LASSA FEVER VICTIM

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1. ATTENDING PHYSICIAN CARGILL'S ESTIMATE SITUATION HAS ALTERED RADICALLY SINCE REFTEL. HE SAYS MANDRELLA'S TEMPERATURE HAS BEGUN TO CLIMB AGAIN, AND HIS CONDITION BECOMING CRITICAL. CARGILL DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS INVOLVES LASSA RELAPSE, SIDE EFFECTS TO TREATMENT OR ENTIRELY DIFFERENT DISEASE (E.G. MALARIA) BECAUSE THERE ARE NO ISOLATED LABORATORY FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO WHICH LETHAL SPECIMENTS FROM MANDRELLA COULD BE SENT FOR ANALYSIS. HE HELPLESS, THEREFORE, EITHER TO DIAGNOSE OR TREAT WITH ASSURANCE, ALTHOUGH HE GIVING MANDRELLA ANTI-MALARIALS "JUST IN CASE".

2. ACCORDING CARGILL, A DR. WALKMER FROM HAMBURG INSTITUTE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TROPICAL DISEASES IS COINCIDENTALLY TOURING NIGERIA AND HAS CON-

SULTED WITH HIM ON CASE, AS HAS DR. WHITE - A LASSA FEVER SPECIAL-IST FROM JOS. ALL THREE DOCTORS RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE EVACUATION OF MANDRELLA TO GERMANY BECAUSE OF HIS WORSENING CONDITION AND BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE ISOLATION FACILITIES IBADAN WHICH MAKE EPIDEMIC ALL TOO POSSIBLE. WALKMER SAYS ADEQUATE ISOLATION AND LABORATORY FACILITIES AVAILABLE HIS INSTITUTE HAMBURG, IS RECOMMENDING TO FRG AMBASSADOR LAGOS TODAY THAT GERMAN GOV'T IMMEDIATELY EVACUATE MANDRELLA THERE, ACCCOMPANIED BY CARGILL AND A SUPPLY OF SERUM. ON BASIS ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S ANALYSIS, EMBASSY LAGOS REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER AGREES EVACUATION MANDRELLA DESIREABLE.

3. WE WOULD HOPE FRG CAN BE PERSUADED USE GERMAN AIRCRAFT FOR EVACUATION, AND THAT US AIRCRAFT AND CREW NOT RUN EVEN MINIMAL RISK OF TRANSMITTING DISEASE TO EUROPE. RMO LAGOS HAS HEARD OF USING AMERICAN ASTRONAUTS' ISOLATION CAPSULE TO TRANSPORT INFECTIOUS CASES IN PAST. DEPT OR BONN MAY WANT TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY LOANING CAPSULE TO FRG FOR EVACUATION MANDRELLA AND CARGILL VIA GERMAN AIRCRAFT.

4. IBADAN AIRPORT SERVICABLE C-130 TYPE AIRCRAFT, NORMALLY USED ONLY FOR PROPELLER PLANES BUT HAS ACCOMMODATED F-28 JETS ON OCCASION. RUNWAY 063/243 MEASURES 1371 METERS BY 46 METERS. TARMAC 07 DEGREES 26 FEET NORTH.BARR

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